No scientific study has so far been made to conclusively prove that the Indian Cinema has been responsible for influencing students to commit suicide when they encounter impediments to success in their love affairs. However, some general surveys conducted in the recent past have pointed to Cinema having some influence over impressionable minds

Visit of Writers to Sweden and Switzerland

1118. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ten eminent writers who were scheduled to visit Switzerland and Sweden, were prevented from boarding the plane at airports at Bombay and Delhi in the second week of September, 1987;

(b) whether the trip was subsequently cleared by the Prime Minister;

(c) whether the writers refused to go to sweden and Switzerland;

(d) whether any enquiry into the matters has been ordered, responsibility fixed and punishment given to the concerned officials and apology given to the writers for this humiliation; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir. Only four writers were scheduled to visit Switzerland from September 7 to September 12, 1987. They were unable to leave on schedule for want of requisite clearance.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The question does not arise.

Misuse of authority by way of identing and contracting with private laboratories in Medical Store Depots

1119. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office of the Director General of Health Services has received several complaints of misuse of authority by Senior officials of the various Government Medical Store Depot in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta; (in indenting, contracting private Laboratories etc.);

(b) whether any such complaints had been made by organisations of employees of Depots;

(c) if so, what are the details of these complaints during the past four years;

(d) whether subsequent of these complaints any of the Deputy Directors of these medical store depots has been transferred or removed;

(e) whether any enquiry was made of the activities of those transferred or removed: and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (f) In the matter of misuse of authority by the Senior Officials of the various Medical Stores Depots in indenting the services of private Laboratories, complaints were received from Sh. V. John, M.P. and employees unions. The complaints alleged that samples were sent outside for testing to private laboratories which charged exorbitant fees The complaints were examined and it was found that the Government laboratory was not able to maintain the time schedule for release of test reports which was affecting the timely supply of drugs to the needy indentors. Hence, some samples were sent to Government approved private laboratories for testing. Testing charges are fixed by the State Drug Controllers. No Deputy Assistant Director General (Medical Stores) was transferred on this account.